brought out by private organisations with assistance from the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) Sir, The ICAR is bringing out four research journals and 2 semi-technical magazines in English and 3 semi-technical magazines in Hindi. None of the magazines is bilingual.

(b) All the 3 semi-technical magazines brought out in Hindi, are research based.

(c) During the last three years, 90 journals, brought out by private organisations, were financed by matching grants from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

[English]

Statutory Status to SCs/STs Commission

1503. SHRI RAM NIHORE RAI:
KUMARI UMA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission has been accorded statutory status;

(b) if so, the details of the powers and jurisdiction of the said Commission; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). Under the Constitution (65th Amendment) Act, 1990, constitutional status would be accorded to the National Commission on SC/ST which will be constituted shortly. The functions of the Commission are contained in the Constitution (65th Amendment) Act, 1990.

Horticultural Development in Kerala

1504. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total amount allotted for the development of horticulture in Kerala during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The financial allocation to Kerala for horticultural development during 1989–90, 1990–91 and 1991–92 is as under:–

Year	*Funds alloted (Amount in Rs.)*
1989–90	1,24,28,950.00
1990–91	1,59,94,060.00
1991–92	6,24,80,625.00

Ethnic Groups on Indo–Burma Border

1506. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of ethnic groups which are living on both sides of the Indo–Burma border;

(b) whether there is any agreement between the two countries to facilitate interaction among the groups;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any facility exists for the movement across the border for legitimate and recognised purposes by these groups; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?